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SUBJECT POSSIBLE REFOULEMENT OF URUGUAYAN REFUGEES

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1. UNHCR OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN TO EMBASSY OFFICIALS HERE REGARDING POSSIBLE REFOULEMENT OF MORE THAN 21 URUGUAYAN REFUGEES. UNHCR HAS INFORMATION THAT ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES PERMITTED URUGUAYAN ARMY INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVES TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN BUENOS AIRES IN LATE DECEMBER AND JANUARY TO ARREST A NUMBER OF URUGUAYAN REFUGEES RESIDING IN ARGENTINA. UNHCR OFFICIALS SPECULATE THAT URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES MAY BELIEVE THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD CONNECTION WITH GRUPO ACCIONISTA UNIFICADO (GAU) WHICH HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF RECENT ANTI SUBVERSIVE EFFORT WITHIN URUGUAY.

2. IN ONE CASE, WHICH UNHCR BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY, FAMILY OF AN ABDUCTED URUGUAYAN REFUGEE WAS CONTACTED AND INFORMED THAT A PAYMENT OF US \$3,000 WOULD INSURE THAT THE CAPTURED FAMILY MEMBER WOULD BE ACQUITTED OF CHARGES OF SUBVERSION UPON HIS RETURN TO URUGUAY.

3. UNHCR IS CONCERNED BY THE REFOULEMENT AND BY THE FACT THAT ARGENTINA AUTHORITIES PERMITTED URUGUAYAN SECURITY FORCES TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN BUENOS AIRES. THEY HAVE SUSPICIONS THAT THIS MIGHT BE A RETURN FAVOR FOR GOU CO OPERATION IN THE CASE OF OSCAR RUBEN DE GREGORIO.

4. THE UNHCR HAS PROTESTED A SIMILAR BUT ISOLATED CASE OF REFOULEMENT WHICH TOOK PLACE IN LATE 1977 TO ARGENTINE AND URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES. THEIR PROTEST HAS RESULTED IN AN OFFICIAL JUDICIAL INQUIRY IN ARGENTINA AND AGREEMENT BY THE

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URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT TO GRANT THE REFUGEE (NAME WITHHELD) WHO WAS FORCIBLY RETURNED TO URUGUAY PERMISSION TO BE RESETTLED AS A REFUGEE DIRECTLY FROM URUGUAY.

5. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF THE 21 URUGUAYANS AND ONE BRAZILIAN BELIEVED BY THE UNHCR TO HAVE BEEN FORCIBLY RETURNED TO URUGUAY:

~~M~~ALTUNA FERNANDEZ, ELSA ZULMA
~~M~~ARCE VIEIRA, GUSTAVO RAUL
~~M~~ASTRO HUERGA MARTINEZ, MARIA ANTONIO
D ELIA, YOLANDA CASCO DE
D ELIA PALLARES, JULIO CESAR *> walk in case*
~~M~~DOSSETTI TECHIRA, EDMUND SABINO
~~M~~MARTINEZ, MARIO
~~M~~D NEIL VELAZQUEZ, HASER EDMUNDO
~~M~~DANDARA GASTROMAN, ELBA LUCIA
~~M~~RIOS CASAS, MIGUEL ANGEL
~~M~~CASTILLO, ATALIVA
~~M~~BASUALDO, GRACIELA NOEMI
~~M~~DORCHS, ALBERTO
~~M~~DORCHS, ELENA LERENA DE
~~M~~GOMEZ ROSANO, CELICA
~~M~~GOYCOEHEA CAMACHO, GUSTAVO ALEJANDRO
~~M~~DARRIENTES, CAROLINA
~~M~~FONTOURA, ANDRES
~~M~~CARNEIRO DE FONTOURA, JUSELINHO
~~M~~CABEZUDO, CARLOS
~~M~~BORELLI CATTANGO, RAUL E. *walk in case*

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON THE REAPPEARANCE OR STATUS OF THESE INDIVIDUALS.

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